

By Senator Hooper

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to offenses against firefighters;
3 amending s. 782.065, F.S.; providing enhanced
4 penalties for certain offenses committed against
5 firefighters engaged in the performance of their legal
6 duties; providing an effective date.

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8 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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10 Section 1. Section 782.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to
11 read:

12 782.065 Murder; law enforcement officer, correctional
13 officer, correctional probation officer, firefighter.—
14 Notwithstanding ss. 775.082, 775.0823, 782.04, 782.051, and
15 chapter 921, a defendant shall be sentenced to life imprisonment
16 without eligibility for release upon findings by the trier of
17 fact that, beyond a reasonable doubt:

18 (1) The defendant committed murder in the first degree in
19 violation of s. 782.04(1) and a death sentence was not imposed;
20 murder in the second or third degree in violation of s.
21 782.04(2), (3), or (4); attempted murder in the first or second
22 degree in violation of s. 782.04(1)(a)1. or (2); or attempted
23 felony murder in violation of s. 782.051; and

24 (2) The victim of any offense described in subsection (1)
25 was a law enforcement officer, part-time law enforcement
26 officer, auxiliary law enforcement officer, correctional
27 officer, part-time correctional officer, auxiliary correctional
28 officer, correctional probation officer, part-time correctional
29 probation officer, or auxiliary correctional probation officer,

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30 as those terms are defined in s. 943.10, or firefighter, as
31 defined in s. 633.102, engaged in the lawful performance of a
32 legal duty.

33 Section 2. This act shall take effect October 1, 2020.